

FOLEY F SONOMA

2019 MERLOT ALEXANDER VALLEY

Foley Sonoma is dedicated to mixing old-world tradition and modern technology to create limited production, luxury wines from estate vineyards in the Alexander Valley appellation within Sonoma County. Our family has been growing and creating wines since 1996 throughout California and beyond. The estate vineyards offer diverse terrain and soil types that cater to our focus on the five noble Bordeaux varieties — Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. We look forward to sharing the wines from this special place with you and your family for years to come. — The Foley Family

VINTAGE

The 2019 harvest was one of quality and quantity. Sonoma County experienced ideal weather the whole season, allowing our white grapes to ripen at a steady pace and develop full and dynamic flavors. We had a brief break between picking whites and reds with three days of rain that slowed down the sugar levels and gave us time to organize before bringing in the reds. Shortly after those three days the summer heat returned, prompting a brisk finish to the picking season. Ultimately, 2019 yields came in 15%-20% greater than we have seen in the past eight years and the quality is superb across the board.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

For 2019, we selected fruit from the biodynamic, Eco Terreno vineyard in the Alexander Valley. Following harvest, the grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks and then racked to French oak barrels. After aging for 23 months in barrel (30% new), the wine was bottled.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2019 Alexander Valley Merlot represents itself with enticing aromas of dark plum, mulberry, and vanilla. Rich flavors of blue and black berries follow through on the medium-bodied palette. This wine will continue to evolve over time. Enjoy with roasted vegetables or lasagna!

TECHNICAL DATA

Appellation: Alexander Valley

Composition: 85% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Tannat,
1% Zinfandel, 1% Petit Verdot

Aging: 23 months in French oak, 30% new

Alcohol: 14.9%

TA: 6.2 g/L

pH: 3.52

Production: 100 Cases

